



FRIDAY EVENING, AUG. 30, 1901.

WHILE THIS COUNTRY is blessed abundantly in basket and in store, with no apprehension existing as to the coming winter, the keen blasts will be anticipated by thousands in the Russian empire who will have hunger as an accompaniment of the cold weather. That country is destined to face a famine this winter, which, it is feared, will be the worst in its history. The late heated term and drought have ruined most of the crops and the government is buying up grain in order to be ready when the demands for relief come in. People in this country, blessed as they generally are with abundant yields of cereals, have cause for thanksgiving, but, after all, how few appreciate the bounty of plenty until death overtakes them? Many are raving to and fro and ever are finding fault with the existing order of things. One faction is disgruntled at this and another at that, and strikes, political issues and commotions are becoming almost as frequent as thunder showers. The object-lessons afforded in less-favored nations should cause all to stop and think and to cease from feeding the appetite of discontent which so many thoughtlessly nourish, never remembering how much more uncomfortable their condition could be rendered if a kind providence failed to send rain in due season or in any other way withheld the fruits of the earth.

THE REPUBLICANS, "for what there is in it," will regret to hear that a leading republican said in Richmond on Wednesday that he did not think there was any foundation to the report that his party would receive any substantial aid from the national republican committee. "We would of course be simply delighted if Mr. Hanna would help us," said he, "but I fear he will conclude that the national campaign fund could be spent to better advantage elsewhere." With no campaign fund to divide and with no hope of securing State offices the republican campaign this fall will be a tame affair for many of that party.

AT THE close of the summer the announcement is made that consumers will have to pay fifty cents extra on every ton of coal used during the coming winter. The general public is aghast at the mercy of the barons, and coal bills, always serious times to housekeepers during about half the year, are to be rendered more so by the latest fiat of the magnate. Prices of all necessities of life have advanced during the past year, the pay of most workmen has not, and those depending upon weekly or monthly wages will be compelled to revise their appropriations in order to meet the bills of coal dealers.

FIFTY-TWO members of the Nome bar have petitioned President McKinley to remove Judge Arthur H. Noyes of the District Court of the second division of Alaska, alleging that Judge Noyes is "vacillating, dilatory, weak, partial, negligent, careless and absolutely incompetent; that he has lost the confidence and respect of the attorneys of the bar," etc. In his answer it will be in order for Judge Noyes to state that individually the members of the bar may be intelligent gentlemen, but that collectively they are the greatest pack of ignoramuses he has ever known.

THE STEEL workers' strike goes on, and is taking the usual shape of a contest of endurance. The proposition of arbitration rejected by President Schwab, of the Steel Trust, was hedged with such terms as to make it unacceptable, and was probably only intended to improve the position of the strikers with the public. Apparently the striking workmen are becoming disheartened, and the Steel Trust more stubbornly inclined to fight on.

THE Navy department has ordered home from the Asiatic station a number of officers who are to be witnesses before the Schley court of inquiry. This inquiry, brought about by conflicting claims in the navy, will cost thousands of dollars to the people of this country, not one of whom will be directly or indirectly benefited by the outlay.

BISHOP TURNER, of the African Methodist Church, believes that negro criminals guilty of assault on white women should be branded. In connection with this punishment and his past scheme of the colonization of negroes in Africa, he says: "Rather than shed so much blood, and possibly cause innocent blood, you had better enact laws to brand the fools and scoundrels and crop their ears and banish them to Africa." If the more heroic measures of branding and burning alive fail to deter some negroes from their brutal acts, branding, ear-clipping and banishment will prove impotent.

The quarterly issue of Tales From Town Topics has been received from Town Topics Financial Bureau, New York. The contents of this volume of 250 pages, comprise the novelette, "A Passion Unveiled," with many clever and interesting stories, sketches, poems, etc.

Mrs. Crowley, wife of Hon. Richard Crowley, died at her residence in Lockport, N. Y., this afternoon.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, August 30. The report of the court of inquiry which Secretary Long appointed to investigate charges of drunkenness preferred by Major Charles H. Louchheimer and Colonel Frank L. Denny, United States Marine Corps, against Colonel Robert L. Meade, of the Marine Corps, and counter charges preferred by Colonel Meade against the officers, when made public is likely to create something of a sensation. The report, it is understood, practically exonerates Colonel Meade from the charges preferred against him, and censures Major Louchheimer and Colonel Denny for preferring the charges. The findings of the court may, it is reported, result in court martial proceedings.

The unfortunate condition of Admiral Sampson's health is the occasion of much speculation as to the effect it will have upon the result of the Schley court of inquiry. Unless Sampson can so far improve his health before the time for the meeting of the court as to permit of his coming to Washington to testify, a novel situation will be presented. The court might proceed with the examination of other less important witnesses, if there was any chance that Sampson might later be in condition to undergo the ordeal of cross examination. But if a medical certificate is offered stating that he cannot attend, the court may repair to his bedside or a commission may be appointed to take his testimony and cross-examine him. All procedure will be in the hands of the members of the court and it may be accepted as certain that no means will be left untried that will assist in ending once for all the unfortunate controversy.

It is announced at the War department that Secretary Root is "suffering from a recurrence in mild form of the trouble which afflicted him last spring." Last spring his physicians announced that Secretary Root underwent an "operation for aneurysm of the chest." It is believed by many of his friends that the aneurysm is in reality a cancer and the recurrence of the trouble now makes them repeat this gloomy assertion with more positiveness than ever. They say that the cancer is of a malignant form and that if the Secretary's life is to be prolonged he must submit to operations every few months. Secretary Root has gone to his summer home at Sausalito, Cal.

A telegram was received at the War department at three o'clock this afternoon announcing the death of General Wm. Ludlow, at Conway, N. J.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Hackett made public today a letter from Admiral Howison in which the latter denies the interview concerning Admiral Schley and the battle of Santiago. Commander Sargent, of the Machias, which is now at Colco, has reported to the Navy department as a result of his observations since his arrival on the isthmus, that all is quiet and he sees no evidence of political disturbances or revolution against the Colombian authority.

Comptroller of the Treasury R. J. Tracwell today rendered a decision growing out of the famous De Lima Porto Rican Supreme Court of the United States decision, P. A. Delima and Company claimed \$14,597 as a refund of duties paid on cigars. The Comptroller held that the refund should be made without awaiting the action of Congress, from funds available.

President McKinley today appointed Wm. H. Hunt of Montana Governor of Porto Rico to succeed Chas. H. Allen. Mr. Hunt has been Secretary of the Island since the inauguration of civil rule after the war with Spain. The President has also appointed George B. Adams of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; John L. Tiersan, colonel in the artillery corps, and a number of majors, captains and lieutenants, their commissions arriving from Canton this morning.

The story of the engagement of James Brown Potter to Miss May Handy, of Richmond, Va., again is current. The story of the engagement has been frequently circulated and as often denied. But Mr. Potter's friends believe that the beautiful Virginia girl will become his bride in the near future. Mr. Potter obtained a decree of divorce in Newport on June 4, 1900.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

M. Constant, the French ambassador to Turkey, who reached Paris yesterday, said that there was no reason to believe that war would occur.

The injunction granted to the American Sheet Steel Co. has been served upon the strikers at Canal Dover O., and as a result the pickets have been withdrawn. The American Sheet Steel Company has stated positively that the mills there will be operated non-union in the future.

While the White Hill Dramatic Company from Newark, N. J., was giving a show to a good sized audience at the New York House last night, the manager left town with all the money, and leaving all the bills of the company unpaid. The show was stopped. The performers are without money with which to leave town.

The entire New York Central system of four passenger tracks was wholly blocked by the derailment of four freight cars near Rochester, N. Y., at 2 o'clock this morning. The Lake Shore limited fast mail and passenger train escaped being wrecked only by a few moments. No lives were lost.

The thoughtful men who compose the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Denver, Col., yesterday by almost unanimous vote established the contention of Prof. McGee who said Adam and Eve, the world's first parents, were myths.

"Senator Hanna for President in 1904" is the slogan of a leaflet issued at Cleveland, O., last night for the purpose of steering the junior senator a boom for the high office over the stormy seas of politics.

Chinese Mission Affair.

Berlin, Aug. 30.—Lu Hui Hsuan, the Chinese minister to Germany, has left without a farewell audience with the Emperor. It is believed he will not return. The cause for the action is not definitely known, but the belief is expressed that the minister's sudden departure is largely due to the emphasis which Emperor William's demands placed on the expository character of the Chinese mission, which was sent to apologize for the murder of Baron von Ketteler. The members of the mission, which is headed by Prince Chan, consider that the Emperor's demands by the Emperor is beneath their dignity, as the least important of the members are Chinese nobles of high rank.

Ministers no Longer Necessary.

New York, Aug. 30.—After the first of January neither minister nor magistrate will be a necessary adjunct to a marriage ceremony. All the contracting parties have to do is to sign a contract, have their witnesses attach their signatures and residences, and file the instrument within six months after its execution with the city clerk.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Snow fell in a blinding sheet for an hour in Alpine Pass col., yesterday and was followed by a severe hail storm.

The steel corporation officials state that they are receiving many applications for work from former employees. Steamship lines running out of Baltimore for foreign ports are demoralized, owing to the absence of freight offerings for transportation.

M. Georges Dorys, a former minister of the Sultan of Turkey, has been condemned to death by the Sultan's courts. Dorys, however, is now in Paris, and a member of the Young Turks party.

Mrs. Charles Carter, of Philadelphia, died at Atlantic City on Wednesday night. Mrs. Carter was formerly Miss Ellen Newman, and married Charles Carter, a member of a distinguished Virginia family.

Surgeon-Major Havard, now in Havana, says that he will not supervise any more experiments carried on by Dr. Caldes, as he considers that recent events have shown that Dr. Caldes's serum is useless.

A census bulletin shows women to be in a majority in New York and New Jersey. In the State of New York the percentage is 50.3 females to 49.7 males. Out of a total population of 7,268,894 there are 3,614,780 males and 3,654,114 females. Of the total population of the State 1,900,425, or 26.1 per cent. are foreign born and 112,018, or 1.5 per cent. are negroes. Of the colored people 99,332 are negroes, 1,710 Chinese, 364 Japanese, and 5,237 Indians.

The accommodation train over the Northern Central Railroad was derailed last night at the station at Fairville, about ten miles north of Newark, N. Y. Engineer William Meagher was killed, twenty-eight persons were injured, two of whom will probably die. For some unknown reason the engine jumped the track while passing the gravel pit. The force of the accident turned the engine completely around, throwing the five cars on their sides. The trainload of some 150 passengers was thrown into the ditch and the engine and all the cars were badly broken up.

THE TEMPLARS.

After electing officers and selecting San Francisco as the place of meeting, the first Tuesday in September, 1904, the twenty-eighth triennial convocation of Knights Templar, which had been in progress at Louisville since Tuesday, adjourned yesterday.

The festivities came to an end at a magnificent ball last night at the horse show building. The election of officers occupied the greater part of yesterday's session. In the selection of the Grand Junior Warden and the Grand Recorder occurred the only contests. In the contest for the Grand Warden W. H. Mayo, of St. Louis, who held the office for six years, was pitted against John A. Gerrow, of Detroit, Mich. Mr. Mayo led on the first ballot, but lost steadily thereafter, and the office went to the Detroitier on the fifth ballot.

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The installation of the new officers followed. Sir Knight Stoddard, the Grand Master, was given an enthusiastic reception by the Texas Templars last night.

The ball last night was a magnificent show. The crowd was too great to allow of comfortable dancing, but the knights and their ladies pronounced the event a success. It is estimated that 8,000 people were present. Receptions and excursions on the river were other features of the evening's entertainment.

Grand Commander—Henry Bates Stoddard, of Bryan, Tex.

Dupty Grand Master—Col. George H. Moulton, of Chicago.

Grand Generalissimo—Rev. H. W. Ruger, of Rhode Island.

Grand Captain General—William B. Melish, of Cincinnati.

Grand Senior Warden—Joseph A. Locke, of Portland, Ore.

Grand Junior Warden—Frank H. Thomas, of Washington, D. C.

Grand Treasurer—H. W. Hales Lines, of Connecticut (re-elected).

Grand Recorder—John A. Gerrow, of Detroit.

A TREASURY DECISION.

The Auditor for the Treasury department has reported to the Comptroller of the Treasury a decision making an original construction of a statute, as follows:

"The Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore, Md., claims the refunding of \$1,217.50, tax paid on dividends. The claim was allowed, March 1, 1901, by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, whose finding of facts shows that from 1866 to 1871 the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore was owned by the Merchants' National Bank of Petersburg, the National Bank of Fredericksburg, and the Shenandoah Valley National Bank at Winchester, and returned for taxation the dividends received from such banks and paid thereon the tax prescribed by law. Each of the said banks had also returned the dividends declared by them for taxation and had paid thereon the tax prescribed by law. The tax on the dividends paid by the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore, so far as it is included the tax on the dividends received from those banks, was a duplicate payment of the tax on the same dividends."

The Auditor said in his decision, which was approved by Mr. Tracwell, that he did not base his judgment upon the ground that the plaintiff corporation is a mere agent or trustee for its own shareholders in receiving and paying out this dividend. He decided that the plaintiff corporation itself, as a shareholder in the Winchester bank, is not bound to treat this dividend as if it were a duplicate payment of the tax on the dividends received from those banks, so far as it is included the tax on the dividends received from those banks, was a duplicate payment of the tax on the same dividends."

The Century Magazine for September has been received from The Century Co., Union Square, New York. Its contents are as follows: Mid-Air Dining Clubs, Molly, Adam Brewster, The Crown of the Continent, The City of Light, Gossip of the Dutch Shanty, The False Gods of Swine Weaver, Dri and I, The Annexation of Cuba, An American Landscape Painter, Fighting Frost, The Magic of the Invisible, Daniel Webster, Lem's Speculations, Louis Phillips, The United States, How I Saved Ben, Impressions of the Hawaiian Islands, Trent's Trust, The End of Summer, Edmund Burke and the French Revolution, The Mirage of the Homesick, Topics of the Time, Open Letters and In Lighter Veil.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

A. W. Dillard, a prominent citizen, aged 70 years, of Spotsylvania county, died yesterday.

Captain Patrick H. McCaull has returned to Lynchburg from a trip to Seattle, Wash. He was accompanied on his return by his wife and two children, who have been spending the summer in Seattle.

Mr. Adolph Osterloh, one of the best known tobacco men of Richmond, long the buyer in that market for the Austrian government, and for twenty years German consul, died at his home yesterday in that city.

Col. William Rison, for years a prominent politician of Danville, has resigned his position as clerk of the Circuit and Corporation courts, which he has held for a period of thirty years. His resignation is due to ill health and old age.

The joint democratic convention of Stafford and King George counties was held yesterday at Cox's store, in Stafford county, to nominate a candidate for the Legislature. Mr. Henry T. Garnett, the incumbent, was nominated by acclamation.

A STRANGE DEATH.

Pearl Ball, daughter of an agent for a piano manufacturer, and herself a musician and composer, died in Chicago Wednesday under the influence of an opiate at the home of her father, Geo. M. Ball. Although at first the case was held to be an ordinary suicide, and the coroner's jury so returned the verdict, circumstances have come to light which now make it appear that the young woman was drugged in a saloon and died from the effects of the drug.

Leaving her father's house late Tuesday afternoon with a woman friend, she went to Ferris Wheel Park and remained there until 9 o'clock in the evening, when she left her companion, with the intention, as she said, of going home.

She entered a cafe on the South Side late at night in company with a man whom she afterward declared was a stranger to her. The two called for beer several times. Soon afterwards sounds of a scuffle came from the room where the pair were. These were followed by cries for help in a woman's voice.

The proprietor of the cafe ran to the room and asked the cause of the outcry. "This man is trying to abuse me," was the reply, according to the proprietor. He ordered both to leave the place and the man said they would leave together.

"I will not go with that man," said the girl. "I don't know who he is. I just met him. He is no friend of mine."

The man left the place. The young woman asked the proprietor to telephone Dr. Deslow Lewis, a physician long established in the city, and ask him to accompany her home. Dr. Lewis replied that he would be unable to do so, but that he would be responsible for the payment of the young woman's cab fare. She then entered a cab and told the driver to take her to Dr. Lewis's office. The cab driver advised him to take the woman to her home. This the cabman did.

When the cab reached the Ball home the young woman's father came out and called her by name. She did not respond. Going to the cab, he found her insensible. She never recovered consciousness, but died next morning, evidently from the effects of morphine or chloral poisoning.

It is now thought the unknown man gave a narcotic to her in the saloon and then attacked her supposing the drug had taken effect. It did take effect later and killed her.

Miss Ball was 23 years old, beautiful, well educated, and her father says her musical education cost him \$12,000.

TAXES PAID BY RAILROADS.—

The amount of taxes paid for the year ending June 30, 1900, by all the railroads in Virginia with the exception of a few small lines is shown by the following statement: Atlantic Coast Line, \$30,941.93; Big Stone Gap and Powell's Valley, \$67.58; Chesapeake and Ohio, \$145,555.54; Cumberland Valley and Martinsburg, \$741.11; Chesapeake and Western, \$2,023.27; Danville and Western, \$4,643.55; Farmville and Powhatan, \$1,037.50; Louisville and Nashville, \$7,996.26; Norfolk and Western, \$250,334.84; New York, Pennsylvania and Norfolk, \$13,873.23; Norfolk and Western, \$9,412.17; Potomac, Fredericksburg and Piedmont, \$1,230.56; Southern Railway, \$131,714.58; Surry, Sussex and Southampton, \$1,778.63; Seaboard and Roanoke, \$21,909.25; Seaboard Air Line, \$952.11; Valley and Southwestern, \$7,877.17; Valley of Virginia, \$2,087.18; Winchester and Potomac, \$5,089.05; Winchester and Strasburg, \$1,839.86; Washington Southern, \$4,763.82.

Nearly Killed by a Bull.

Bolivar, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Albert Crandall a farmer, 78 years old, living near Bolivar, Wednesday night was attacked in the road in front of his house by a bull. He was knocked down, his chest crushed in, four ribs broken and his face horribly lacerated. Ben Banton, a neighbor, attacked the bull with an axe and beat the animal off, saving Crandall from being stamped to death. The bull had broken out of a stable and Crandall ran out into the road to drive the animal back to its owner. Crandall will probably die of his injuries.

To Collapse in a Week.

New York, Aug. 30.—One of the officials of the United States Steel Corporation said yesterday: "There is nothing to be arbitrated by the board of directors. The board or board of directors would be different, but the present issue is purely whether the corporation shall or shall not control its own business. The only way the strike will be settled will be by the return of the men to work as individuals. There will be no arbitration and no treaty with the Amalgamated Association. We have reason to know that the strike will not last much longer. Probably by less than a week it will collapse completely."

Always Reaches Them.—

The inventor of a food article has given his reason for putting his advertisement money into the newspapers thus: "When I sent out circulars to lists of names I was always haunted by the feeling that I had missed some whose patronage would insure my success. Now that I use the newspapers I know that every person whose interests are worth having will see my announcements."

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THE CONVENTION.

There was an unusual scene in the constitutional convention yesterday. Colonel Summers was making a speech in defense of the Wyser amendment for submitting the constitution when formed to a full electoral. He launched out into a tribute to the faithful service of the negro race as slaves. He described the storming at San Juan Hill, where, he declared, the bravery of the negro troops exceeded that of the white. The negroes in the gallery applauded.

He then turned to the opposite side of the gallery, filled with elegantly dressed ladies, and declared that many of their husbands were in danger of being disfranchised. Some of the ladies showed their resentment of Colonel Summers' speech and reference to them by turning their backs on him during the remainder of his speech. This so disconcerted the colonel that he soon asked to be excused from further speaking until Friday, and took his seat.

Mr. Fledge, of Henry, the only member of the body who served in the Underwood convention, opened the debate on the question of submitting the constitution to the people. His most significant declaration was that if the negroes had not been enfranchised he would agree to give them that right now. The member from Henry, who said he voted for Lincoln, approved of the post-bellum amendments to the federal constitution and all of the reconstruction acts. The speaker's reference to the "Moses of the convention," who was evidently Senator Daniel, brought down the house in uproarious laughter. The "Moses," he said, was on top of the mountain with the suffrage committee, and his followers were without a leader in the meantime. His witty hits at the committee's long delay in bringing in any franchise report, and its daily change, evoked applause time and time again.

Col. J. B. Richmond, democrat, of Scott, preceded the two speakers named in a strong speech against the disfranchisement of any whites. He would not say how long he would wait to see the subject under consideration until it was known what the convention proposed to do at that time.

Judge Green, chairman of the committee on preamble and bill of rights, notified the convention that all who wanted to speak on that report must do so at once.

The members of the suffrage committee from the "Black Belt" held a conference last night and agreed in the main upon important recommendations that they will make to the full committee in the hope that these will meet with favor and help to bring all interests and conflicting views together. The plan practically settled upon, but which will be revised this morning, provides for an understanding clause to be in force for one year and a property qualification of \$100. A poll tax may be added. All soldiers and their descendants are exempted as are those who may pay license taxes and artisans and skilled mechanics.

At the meeting of the finance committee held last night, the committee appointed to report on matters relating to the public debt recommended the calling in and payment of the State bonds held by the various educational institutions in the State known as the literary funds. The plan is to fund these bonds, which now pay 6 per cent., into 3 per cent. bonds. The saving to the State in interest would be about \$72,000 a year.

A hearing will be given on Tuesday night, September 10, to all the institutions which care to be heard. The institutions affected are Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute, Emory and Henry, Leesburg Academy, New London Academy, Randolph-Macon College, University of Virginia, Richmond College, Hall's Free School, Episcopal Seminary near Alexandria, William and Mary, Hampden-Sydney, Union Theological Seminary, Miller Manual and Labor School, Hampton Normal Institute, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and the Dawson Fund.

The general subject of oyster taxation will be taken up on the night of September 3 and representatives of the sections affected will be heard.

New York, Aug. 30.—Secretary Root, of the War Department, is at his home in this city today. It was admitted there today that he was ill, but it was said he was in no danger. The secretary returned from Washington Thursday and is suffering from an abscess.

Mrs. Root's father, Salem H. Wales, says he positively knows nothing about Secretary Root's reported illness. Mrs. Root left Southampton, N. Y., Wednesday morning for Washington on business. Secretary Root did not arrive on the noon train.

Big Bet.

New York, Aug. 30.—The biggest bet made in a sporting event—\$250,000 to \$150,000—was practically arranged today at the Waldorf Astoria. It will be decided by the American cup races. The parties to the wager are W. F. Mustin, of Pittsburgh, representing a syndicate of Pittsburgh millionaires, and Walter J. Kingley, of London, who holds the money of an English syndicate. Mustin will place \$250,000 on the cup defender, King's \$150,000 on the Seasmock.

To Consolidate the Plov Interests.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Thirty plov manufacturers were in session all day and even yesterday in the Auditorium in discussing plans for a consolidation of all the plov interests in the United States. After the meeting it was given out that the postponed consolidation was practically certain and that about \$50,000,000 would be represented in the organization when it was completed.

Charged With Murder.

Asbury Park, N. J., Aug. 30.—George Hopper, a stableman, was arrested at midnight last night, charged with the murder of Edward Hulick, whose body was found in an Asbury Park stable on August 12. Another one of the assailants has been found to be James Rotham, who is now in the Freehold, N. J. jail for holding improper relations with Hulick's wife.

The Indictment charging Police Captain Herlihy, at New York with neglect of duty found by the July grand jury, was dismissed this morning by Recorder Hoff, who sustained the contention of counsel for the defendant that the bill was illegally drawn.

Dr. Bull's Celebrated Pills cure many ills. One pill a dose. Box, 50 pills. 10 cts. Cure Constipation, Liver Troubles, Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Impure Blood, Poor Blood, Female Complaints, Stomach and Bowel Disorders, Dr. Bull's Pills never gripe. Sold by Richard Gibson and all druggists.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Convention.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 30.—The session of the Convention today was wholly taken up with Mr. Summers' speech against proclaiming the constitution. Many democrats went out of the hall when he rose to speak. The suffrage committee still disagree.

Foreign News.

London, Aug. 30.—The Pall Mall Gazette announces to day that the Marquis of Salisbury has been persuaded to postpone his long intended retirement from the premiership until after the coronation of King Edward, when it will positively take place. The Right Hon. Arthur Balfour, the Government leader, the paper says, will probably succeed him.

Rome, Aug. 30.—A cross, sixty feet high, was unveiled this morning on the summit of Mount Capree, near Capri, the Pope's birthplace. The unveiling took place in the presence of clergy and a large assemblage of workmen. The Pope composed a Latin ode to commemorate the event.

London, Aug. 30.—There is a strong undercurrent of uneasiness in official circles regarding the Turkish situation. The belief is that Russia and France are systematically weakening Turkey by a policy of piecemeal, although no coup is immediately intended.

The Cabinet's intense anxiety to end the South African war is indicated by semi-weekly proclamations. The anxiety is largely due to suspicion of Russian designs and a desire to be in readiness for emergencies without an armistice in the Transvaal.

The Strike.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 30.—An important conference is on at Amalgamated headquarters this morning. It is understood that the representatives of the Bayview lodge at Milwaukee want a ruling by President Shaffer on the matter of alleged violation of their contract with the Federal Steel Company.

Some of the Bayview men are restless and believe that they broke their wage contract with the employing companies by responding to President Shaffer's call to go out on strike. On the result of today's conference the loyalty of the westerners to the strike order depends. Should the Bayview men decide to rescind their action declaring the strike, Joliet cannot help being affected. That every effort will be made to keep the Bayview men in line, for the strike is undoubted, a break now in the western men would be serious to the Amalgamated Association. The local situation is unchanged, the Amalgamated officers say. No efforts are making by the trust to start more mills.

When the non-union men were being taken from the boarding house on the Star tin plate mill last night in carriages, a number of women bombarded the vehicles with eggs and stones. The drivers of the carriages suffered more damage and refused to make another trip. Police replaced the drivers.

Plot to Assassinate the Emperor.

Budapest, Aug. 30.—A plot to assassinate Franz Josef is believed to have been thwarted by the arrest at Debreczin, in Hungary, of an anarchist. The prisoner gave the name of Johann Nagy and refused all further information about himself. He is an Austrian. Letters were found in his possession revealing the plot against the emperor and it is said implicating others in the conspiracy. The police are guarding these letters most jealously and details of the plot are not made public. It is intimated that many arrests will follow.

The news has caused a sensation throughout Austria and Hungary. Franz Josef has several times been threatened with death at the hands of anarchists, but before and since the assassination of his wife, the Empress Elizabeth, who was stabbed to death by a lunatic, the Italian anarchist, in 1898, the Emperor's life has been so full of tragedy that he has been termed "Franz Josef, the unlucky." He lost by violent death his favorite brother, the Emperor Maximilian, his only son, the Crown Prince Rudolf, and his wife's sister, the Duchess Sophie, to death in the charity Bazar fire in Paris.

Mr. Bryan and the Presidency.

Leavenworth, Kan., Aug. 30.—W. J. Bryan delivered an address at the Platte county fair, opposite Leavenworth, Wednesday afternoon, and before leaving here when asked to state his intentions regarding the presidency replied: "I would rather be right than be President. In 1896 and 1900 the majority of the voters of this country said by their ballots that they did not want me as their ruler, and I think I would be imposing upon them by giving them an opportunity to vote against me again. Twice I was defeated and while I do not say I was defeated honorably I am satisfied, and I do not intend to try to force myself into the race again. If the American people ever decide that they wish to try Bryanism I could not refuse to grant them their desire, but for the present, at least, the presidency is the least thing on my mind when I go to bed at night."

The Wreck on the Northern Central.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Five dead, four dying and thirty-eight in agony is the result of the wreck on the Northern Central road near Newark, N. Y., yesterday afternoon. The train was loaded with lake visitors and cottagers. The engine jumped the track while running at a good speed. The baggage car and smoker slid just the engine, bringing the day coaches directly against the engine. Escaping steam and scalding water from the engine boiler played upon the coaches and fully 50 persons were overcome by the steam and many were injured in their struggle to get out of the coaches. The wreck is supposed to have been caused by the speeding of the rails.

Admiral Sampson.